

SENATE RESOLUTION 30
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pat Owsley upon receiving the Tennessee Education Association's Susan B. Anthony Award and to commend her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants and educators who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Pat Owsley is one such estimable citizen who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; she has recently been honored with the Tennessee Education Association's Susan B. Anthony Award for her outstanding contributions in the area of women's issues; and

WHEREAS, the Susan B. Anthony Award is presented to a person who has been active in the field of women's rights and/or has furthered the achievement of equal opportunity for women and girls; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for this award, an individual must have demonstrated leadership in one or more of the following areas: achievement of equal educational opportunity; improvement of the economic situation of female teachers; development of programs to assist women of different races in forming work coalitions and sharing resources; promotion of the passage of legislation designed to eliminate sex role stereotyping in schools, the curriculum, and the nation; publication of research concerning women in education; and promotion for women and/or girls; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as a seventh grade teacher and volleyball coach at White House Heritage Middle School, Pat Owsley has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owsley truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Pat Owsley's remarkable success as a public servant and educator is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Pat Owsley is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Pat Owsley truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Pat Owsley upon receiving the Tennessee Education Association's Susan B. Anthony Award, commend her for her honorable and astute service to the children of Tennessee, and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.